

INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TO SUBMIT CLAIMS TO COURT OF CLAIMS

FEBRUARY 12, 1925.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the
state of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. LEAVITT, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted
the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 12123]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12123) authorizing any tribe or band of Indians of California to submit claims to the Court of Claims, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

Page 2, line 9, after the word "lands," insert "not exceeding \$1.25 per acre."

Page 2, lines 11 and 12, after the word "limitations" insert "and."

Page 3, line 6, strike out the words "the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and."

Page 3, strike out all of section 3.

Page 4, line 10, after the figures "25,000," strike out the word "inclusive" and insert in lieu thereof the word "exclusive."

Your committee has carefully investigated the claims of these Indians and are convinced that they have shown sufficient proof to grant them the right to have their day in court. This measure protects the Government in all of these claims and allows any and all set-offs which can be shown to have been given to these Indians.

Your committee unanimously recommend the enactment of this bill.

This legislation meets the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, as evidenced by the letter attached hereto and made a part of this report:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 10, 1925.

HON. HOMER P. SNYDER,
Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs,
House of Representatives.

MY DEAR MR. SNYDER: Further reference is made to your letter of February 4, 1925, transmitting for a report thereon a copy of H. R. 12123, to allow the Indians of California to have their claims against the Government adjudicated by the Court of Claims.

As these Indians have for many years sought a judicial determination of their claims for lands alleged to have been taken from them without compensation, and the bill properly protects the interests of the United States as well as of the Indians, recommendation is made that it receive your favorable consideration.

Bills were introduced in previous sessions of Congress for a similar purpose, and extensive hearings were had before a subcommittee of the Committee on Indian Affairs, House of Representatives. These hearings, which have been printed under the title of "Indian tribes of California," are dated March 23, 1920, and April 28 and 29, 1922, and contain a very full and complete history of the entire matter.

Very truly yours,

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